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9GA Students Take On The Staff



The 9th Grade Academy hosted a staff vs student game this month! During the staff vs. student game, students cheered on their favorite team, listened to the 9GA band,

and had the opportunity to win two raffled sneakers. Student government sold chips and soda as a fundraiser. At the end the staff proved victorious as they won in

the final seconds. As you can see from the pictures, students had a blast!

9GA Symphonic Band

As the 9GA Symphonic Band wraps up this past week of classes, it's hard to believe that only last month most of the students had never touched a musical instrument before. At the beginning of the year, students held their new flutes, trumpets, and snare drums with looks of wonder, excitement, and maybe a little bit of confusion. After a couple of days of squeaks

and squawks, students' overall discovery was... "Band is hard!" However, the kids enthusiastically stepped up to the challenge and were willing to take risks to try something new. If you pay a quick visit to Emmanuel Toledo's classroom in the B-Wing, you'll get to witness students quickly evolving into bona fide, musically talented band nerds!

The Band is gearing up for its debut performance at the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on October 14th in the Performing Arts Center. In this exciting collage of student performances and guest speakers, the band will partner with the 9GA Dance and Orchestra electives classes to serve up an unforgettable finale!





COACHES' CORNER

GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

Marino Valdez

I have been coaching for about 35 years. I was born in the Dominican Republic in 1964. Growing up in an athletic family, I started playing volleyball at the age of twelve, following my brother, who was playing for the Select team in the Dominican Republic. This is my third year with Lawrence High School. I have coached at national tournaments and worked with the national team in the Norceca tournament. My passion for the sport is simple – volleyball is my life. That's why my motto for my clinic is Live, Eat, Dream volleyball. My outlook for this season is

great. The team looks good and we are working hard to earn respect. Our captains are seniors Brandey Rodriguez and Kenisha De la Rosa. Other returning players are Brianna Rivera, Mimi Phan, Juliemar Soto, and Natalie Navarro. Our goals are to grow in every aspect. We are working hard and are already looking so much better as a team. Our goal is to start winning. We are working to have a program where we are teaching what it is to be in athletic form, disciplined, and working together as a family. In this way we will be great athletes today and excellent

professionals tomorrow. As a coach I am very proud of my team. They have learned to work hard and have progressed and grown when it comes to discipline. Meanwhile, they are also getting better and better at being a family, where one's problem becomes everyone's problem. I would love to thank Lawrence High School as well as the athletic director Jim Licciardi for believing and trusting in us.

DUAL ENROLLMENT AT NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE



This fall, Lawrence High School expanded its Dual Enrollment program with Northern Essex Community College to include a course taught during the school day. Eighteen current LHS juniors are enrolled in a Period 1 Dual Enrollment ELA class that fulfills the requirements of both Advanced Placement English Language and Composition, and also freshman composition (English 101) at Northern Essex. Students who successfully complete the course will earn 3 college credits, which can be transferred to any college they choose to attend. Students continue to have the opportunity to take Northern Essex classes outside of school hours, but this is the first program that enables

students to earn college credit during the school day. Taught by LHS English teacher Richard Gorham, the year-long course is a rigorous introduction to rhetorical analysis and writing. So far, students have studied essays on the Purpose of Education, Hilary Clinton's acceptance speech at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, and satiric short stories, among other readings. Dr. Elizabeth Meyer, chair of the Classics department at Phillips Academy, gave a guest lecture on the tools of classical rhetoric. The class is largely discussion based, with significant reading and writing assigned outside of class. Students had to earn a qualifying score on the AccuPlacer exam

to enter the course. Students enrolled in the course are considered Northern Essex students and have access to the library, tutoring services, and other resources of the college at both the Lawrence and Haverhill campuses. Last Wednesday, September 21, the class visited the Lawrence Campus to have their I.D. photos taken, benefited from a campus tour and a workshop on college readiness, and enjoyed a cookout lunch with other Northern Essex students.

ENLACE STUDENTS LEARN ENGLISH THROUGH THEATER



ENLACE students develop their English through theater! All first-year ENLACE students take a semester-long Theater course,

in which they build language and develop confidence in their public speaking skills through improv and drama. Their teacher, Ms.

Riestra, has brought her unique background as a playwright, producer, and educator to the table in designing this course.

ENLACE-INT LAUNCH COLLABORATION



During the Professional Development Day on September 23rd, ENLACE and INT staff came together for a delicious potluck lunch! They got to know each other, shared food, and laid the groundwork for future collaboration opportunities.

Staff Spotlight

Sondra Longo

Sondra Longo (and Joey) – PFA/HLD English teacher

What qualifications do you need to be a High School English teacher?

Curiosity
Love of storytelling
Enthusiasm for the process- not just the product
A four-year college degree, and after five years of teaching you will need a master's degree



How long have you worked in Lawrence?

Fourteen years – all at LHS

As a child, what did you want to do when you grew up?

I don't remember – maybe a writer? My mom wanted me to be a lawyer

List 5 words to describe your job:

Creative
Engaging
Frustration (about not being able to do enough)
Hopeful
Sometimes exhausting

What is your favorite food?

Sushi

What is your pet peeve?

People who drive slow in the left hand passing lane

What is one thing many people here at school may not know about you?

I was a reporter and editor for a number of years before my husband convinced me that I would be a great teacher!

What is the last good book that you read?

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Genre- Magical Realism
This was a different kind of book for me. I started and stopped reading it five times before I began to enjoy it enough to finally complete it this summer!

SPICKET RIVER CLEANUP



More than 60 Lawrence High School students from the National Honor Society, JROTC and other programs joined more than 500 people to participate in the 15th annual Spicket River Cleanup on Saturday, September

17. The weather was gorgeous. Participants were welcomed by Lawrence Mayor Daniel Rivera, State Senator Barbara L'Italien and US Congresswoman Nikki Tsongas. The group at the Kennedy Playstead removed three

truckloads of trash, including an old sofa, empty bottles and other trash to improve the environment and beautify the Spicket River Greenway, a three-mile walking trail that follows the Spicket River through downtown Lawrence.

Who Benefits: EVERYONE!

Students:

- ◆ Free nutritious meals for all students
- ◆ Less time spent in cashier lines, more time to eat

Parents:

- ◆ No Meal Applications to fill out
- ◆ Elimination of meal charges

Schools:

- ◆ Reduced Paperwork
- ◆ More time spent on creating nutritious meals

What else should I know?

- ❖ CEP allows schools to offer alternative breakfast service models, such as Breakfast in the Classroom and Grab-N-Go
- ❖ Improves the viability of school nutrition programs: when participation increases, school districts can re-invest into higher quality foods and kitchen equipment



"This institution is an equal opportunity provider"

"Filling stomachs, and fueling minds"

Jessica Kelly, Cincinnati



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LHS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Have you ever wondered what the next steps are after high school and college? Well if you haven't, now is the time! Lawrence High School and Valley Works have partnered together this year to give the senior class a new twist to an old class. This year between all the upper schools a total of seventeen students were selected to participate in this newly established internship program. To start the program the seventeen students that were selected must complete a two week orientation with Ms. Peralta from Gear-UP, and Mr. Torres, the school culture coordinator on campus. The orientation was built around career readiness and mannerisms for the workplace. In prepping the interns for these opportunities they were given workshops on building their resume and cover letters. In the process of orientation, guest speakers are also a focus to bring in for the students.

In establishing such a program there has to be an example or standard for the students to follow, and who better to them the ropes about careers and jobs

way to learn than right now. The internship program is set to get students the ability to test out their work field and receive credit while networking at a young age.



Wherever these students are placed they will be given an opportunity to not only learn about potential careers but more about themselves and their goals. All this is possible through the

dedication of Lawrence High School to the development of the inner city youth. Students in this community are either first generation high school graduates or second generation but don't know where to look for that next step, so what better

than their peers and alumni. Students in this community are either first generation high school graduates or second generation but don't know where to look for that next step, so what better

FEATURED COMMUNITY PARTNER:

LAWRENCE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Each issue we will feature one of the nearly 100 community organizations that support our students outside of school. This issue we focus on the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence

The Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence provides a safe, after-school haven for more than 4,400 youth members to come for nightly meals, homework help, fitness and nutrition programs, college and career planning, and lasting personal relationships. The club offers critical programs that focus on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and community involvement at two locations: the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence at 136 Water St., and the Beacon Boys & Girls Club at 71 Duckett Ave. For more information, visit www.lawrencebgc.com.

For only \$40, students can participate in an entire year of programs focusing on academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character and leadership.

In addition to a fitness center and myriad of sports and recreation activities, youth members may work with a tutor (or be a tutor), be matched with an adult mentor, find homework help in any subject, learn to make healthy foods, and use the computer lab for digital arts, music production, coding, movie making, and robotics. Another fun place to hang out is our



Teen Center which features a pool table, foosball, bumper pool, table tennis, and a 60" TV with comfy beanbag chairs and couches.

When students are ready to talk about colleges or careers, BGCL has experienced staff members and volunteers to help them sort out all their options, visit schools, write essays, get

ready for entrance exams, fill out applications, and meet professionals in careers that interest them.

The Keystone Club, a leadership program for high school students, performs community service within the club and community-wide. Individuals and groups are especially needed to volunteer in the education center during

college breaks from mid-December through mid-February. For an application, contact BGCL Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Bryant at 978-683-2747, ext. 123 or sbryant@lawrencebgc.com.

In addition, the club offers many programs which are free and open to area youth. For students in grades 7-12, the next Bread Loaf workshop combining creative writing, poetry, and art will take place on Saturday, November 5.

Learn more ...

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MON OCT 10: **NO SCHOOL, COLUMBUS DAY**

THU-FRI OCT 13-14: VOTER REGISTRATION IN CAFÉ

FRI OCT 14: 9GA HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL @ PAC - 1:45PM

WED OCT 19: HALF DAY; PSAT FOR JUNIORS

FRI OCT 28: END OF FIRST QUARTER

HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT?

E-MAIL RICHARD GORHAM AND IT WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER



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